



COVENANT
presbyterian church



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



Prelude

Call to Worship | *from Psalm 18*

I love you, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the Lord proves true;
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

For who is God, but the Lord?

And who is a rock, except our God?—

**the God who equipped me with strength
and made my way blameless.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Adoration

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Lord of the Worlds Above

Lord of the worlds above,
how pleasant and how fair
the dwellings of thy love,
thine earthly temples, are:
to thine abode my heart aspires,
with warm desires to see my God.

O happy souls that pray
where God appoints to hear!
O happy men that pay
their constant service there!
They praise thee still; and happy they
that love the way to Zion's hill.

They go from strength to strength,
through this dark vale of tears,
till each arrives at length,
till each in heav'n appears:
O glorious seat, when God, our King,
shall thither bring our willing feet!

God is our sun and shield,
our light and our defense;
with gifts his hands are filled;
we draw our blessings thence.
Thrice happy he, O God of hosts,
whose spirit trusts alone in thee.

Text: Isaac Watts (1719; alt.) | Tune: DARWALL; Composer: John Darwall (1770)
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CONFESSION



Call to Confession | Luke 5:31

Jesus answered them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

Prayer of Confession

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon | Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

Song of Assurance

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Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart:
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me:
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the Risen Lamb!
My perfect spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die;
My soul is purchased with his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God:
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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First-Grader Bible Presentation

Ruth Dillow



Catechesis | New City Catechism

Q 36. What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

A. That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

Congregational Prayer | Bill Hepler, Elder

Reading of the Word | Ephesians 5:1-21

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below:

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

#732 | Thomas Ken, 1709 | Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567

Sermon

The Undomesticated Marriage

Rev. Mike Kelly

Tithes & Offerings

Meditation | *He Leadeth Me*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Cups in the outer ring contain grape juice; remaining cups contain wine.

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Closing Hymn

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Benediction

Postlude

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (#353)

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
the house of thine abode,
the church our blest Redeemer saved
with his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God:
her walls before thee stand,
dear as the apple of thine eye,
and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
for her my prayers ascend;
to her my cares and toils be giv'n,
till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heav'nly ways,
her sweet communion, solemn vows,
her hymns of love and praise.

Jesus, thou Friend divine,
Our Savior and our King,
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe
shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
to Zion shall be giv'n
the brightest glories earth can yield,
and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight (1800); Tune: ST. THOMAS
Composer: Aaron Williams (1763)
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We Are God's People (#355)

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of his Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand to hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care,
and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey Him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
and so shall His work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light,
and to inspire.

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CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

9a - Sunday School

10:15a - Morning Worship (*also livestreamed*)

6p - Evening Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fellowship Lunch | Today, right after worship

Ways to Connect and Grow at CPC This Fall

Sunday School - Starts September 14

Most Sundays through the academic year | 9-10a

Classes available for PreK-Adult | Questions? Contact Sarah Perkins or Mitch Connors

Community Groups - Varying start dates

Groups often meet in evenings at individual homes for a meal/snacks, study, and prayer. Interested in joining one? Contact: Jim Helm

Women's Bible Study - Starts Thursday, September 18

Meets most Thursdays through the academic year | 10a-12p | Meets in the Chapel (the long building behind the church). Questions? Contact Sylvia Winans

Youth Group - Starts Thursday, September 25

For 6th grade and up | Most Thursdays through the academic year | 6:30p-8:30p

Kickoff will be held at Pastor Mike and Sandy's house in Issaquah.

Questions? Contact Ocieanna Fleiss

Comfort Crafts

Info meeting Thursday, September 25th | 12:30p-2p | Work on crafts to bless others.

Meets in the Nursery in the main building | Questions? Contact Carolyn Thompson

**All contacts' emails and phone numbers can be found in the new directory, or you can email Rebecca, our Office Administrator, to ask for them: office@cpcissaquah.org.*

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